<u>ABSTRACT</u>

| A system for patent application drafting, issued patent assessment, and technology |
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| assessment includes a computer having input devices for at least one user to enter |
| information relating to components of an invention in a hierarchical and relational |
| categorization using software that automatically generates a relational, diagrammatic |
| representation of the patent or technology being assessed that is output in a format that is |
| viewable and modifiable by the user(s). Subsequently, the user(s) may enter additional, |
| more detailed information that provides a basis for textual representation of the patent or |
| technology that is being drafted or assessed; this additional information is associated with |
| and/or connected to the diagrammatic representation, e.g., via an automatic link or a |
| hyperlink, that permits the user(s) to switch between views of the diagram and the text- |
| based detailed description of components of the patent. Subsequently, the components of |
| the patent being drafted are formatted into a text-based arrangement that is suitable for |
| filing as a patent application, with additional modifications, transitions, and/or standard |
| language capable of being introduced prior to printing or electronic conveyance of the |
| patent application for filing. |

Also a method for using the aforementioned system is provided, including the steps of at least one user inputting information to a computer or other automated electronic device, the information being ordered in a hierarchical and relational categorization, the computer or device using software to automatically generate a relational, diagrammatic representation of the patent or technology being assessed, outputting the information in a format that is viewable and modifiable by the user(s), automatically generating a text-based format of the information consistent with the

- 1 relational, diagrammatic representation of the information that is consistent with a format
- 2 that may be submitted for filing a patent, modifying the text-based format, as required,
- 3 and outputting a printed or electronic version that may be conveyed to a third party for
- 4 review and/or patent filing.